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REP. ROBERTSON SEEKS PAGES FOR UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

INDIANAPOLIS—State Rep. Paul Robertson (D-Depauw) invited local students to serve as pages during the 2005 session of the Indiana General Assembly.

Any student 13 or older can become a page for a day in the Indiana House of Representatives. Pages have the opportunity to tour the Statehouse, observe the legislative process and assist their state representatives in various tasks.

"It is a great opportunity for students to see state government in action," said Robertson. "The tour takes them to the governor's office, the Indiana Supreme Court as well as to the House and Senate chambers. Depending on what day they page, the students also will have the opportunity to see legislative committees deliberate and even observe state representatives debate on the House floor. Paging is a great experience that takes young people from reading about government to seeing it in live-action. They will gain a greater understanding about how laws are made and how government works."

Students who serve as pages will receive an excused absence from school. However, they are responsible for their own transportation to and from Indianapolis. If a student would like to serve with a school friend, that request should be noted on the student's application. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays are the best days to serve. There are no pages on Fridays.

One can make application on-line at www.state.in.us/legislative/house_democrats/pageApp.html or mail a letter of interest:

State Rep. Paul Robertson
Indiana House of Representatives
200 West Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46204

The applicant should include his or her name, the names of parents or guardians, e-mail address, home address and telephone number, the school's name, and two potential dates to page. The legislative session will be from early January to late April.

If one has questions about the page program, contact Indiana House Director of Student Services Anna Johansen at (317) 233-9814 or toll-free, in Indiana, at 1-800-382-9842. Her e-mail address is ajohanse@iga.state.in.us.

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